

102d INTELLIGENCE WING  
**DINING-IN**

*In Memory of Many  
In Honor of All*



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*Cape Codder Resort & Spa*

1225 Iyannough Rd.  
Hyannis, MA 02601

## Code of Conduct

*Welcome* ladies and gentlemen to the first ever 102d Intelligence Wing Dining-In. I want to thank you personally for such an outstanding turn-out. We have not had a formal Dining-In at the Wing level in my memory, making this well overdue. This may well be the start of a new, state-wide, Air Guard routine. And it will have started here at the 102d.

This Dining-In is appropriately dedicated to U.S. Veterans, living and past. As we celebrate tonight, we must not forget the hundreds of men and women who came before us...the individuals who came to, completed their service, and moved on to other opportunities. We have inherited their mission and now call it our own, so our event tonight must honor their service as it does our own. We must also take time to remember those we support --- our brothers and sisters in arms---who fight, at this very moment, in our nation's wars.

Another objective of this evening is to have fun. Plain and simple. You deserve it. Let's just remember that we do so with dignity, class, and safety. Always look out for each other and enjoy the evening.

*James M. LeFavor*

JAMES M. LEFAVOR Col, MA ANG  
Commander, 102d Intelligence Wing

### I

I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

### II

I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command, I will never surrender the members of my command while they still have the means to resist.

### III

If I am captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and to aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

### IV

If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information or take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.

### V

When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give name, rank, service number, and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.

### VI

I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America.

## *Senator Scott P. Brown*

Senator Scott P. Brown, 53, of Wrentham, Massachusetts has a long history of public service beginning as an Assessor and Selectman in the Town of Wrentham. He then served in the Massachusetts Legislature as a State Representative for 3 terms and the State Senate for 5 years. After the passing of the late Senator Ted Kennedy, Senator Brown won a special election to complete the 3 years left on that term. During his time in the U.S. Senate, Senator Brown was a ranking member on the Armed Services Committee, as well as the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and was a member of the Veteran's Committee and the Committee on Small Business.



Senator Brown was known as the most bi-partisan Senator in the U.S. Senate and was responsible for many of important legislation to include: the Stock Act (banning insider trading for members of Congress), the Hire A Hero's Veteran's Bill (providing tax benefits for employers to hire returning veterans), the Crowdfunding Bill (provides online financing for new businesses), the Arlington Cemetery Bill, the 3% withholding Bill (terminates the stealth tax for businesses doing work with the government), the No Contracting with the Enemy Bill and many important pieces of legislation. During his three years in the Senate, Senator Brown was known as a problem solver. He worked closely with Senator Lieberman on many issues involving Homeland Security and good government initiatives.

In addition to his legislative experience, Sen. Brown is also a Colonel in the Army and presently serves as the Deputy to the Chief Counsel to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and serves in the Pentagon. He began his military career in 1979 as an enlisted man. He received his officer commission through ROTC at Northeastern Univ. as an Infantry Officer and served in numerous capacities. He is also branch qualified as a Quartermaster Officer, and now serves as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Corp. and is also Airborne qualified. Col. Brown is active with many efforts to help our men and women that have served our country proudly get back to living long, healthy lives.

Senator Brown is an active, contracted contributor for FOX National News, appearing almost daily. He most recently hosted the "O'Reilly Factor". He recently joined the prestigious international law firm of Nixon Peabody, LLP, in Boston, MA where he will be working on many areas of the law to include mergers and acquisitions, patent protection, trademark protection, debt financing, IP, and governmental relations.

Senator Brown is a New York Times bestselling author with his book Against All Odds reaching #4 on the NYT bestselling list. In this book, he details his abuse and other life changing experiences.

He recently joined the board of directors at Kadant, Inc., an international paper product supply company and signed on as an advisor to CoachUP, a startup company which provided high level training to kids. Sen. Brown is travelling around the world speaking to numerous business, financial services, hedge fund, venture capital, banking and insurance groups.

Senator Brown is married to his wife Gail, a reporter in Boston and they have 2 daughters, Ayla, a successful singer/songwriter and finalist on American Idol Season 5 and Arianna, who works as a Vet Tech for the Humane Society of DC and is applying to Vet school.

## **President of the Mess**

Col James LeFavor

## **Master of Ceremonies**

(Mr. Vice)

Capt Matthew Ferring

## **Arrangements Officer**

1<sup>st</sup> Lt Jon Whitcomb

Mrs. Melissa Jackson

## **Protocol Officer**

MSgt John Conti

## **Guest Speaker**

Senator Scott Brown





## *Sequence of Events*

1700	Cocktail Hour
1800	Mess Call
1815	Entry of Official Party * National Anthem * Invocation Toasts POW/MIA Table
1900	Welcome Address
1915	Building the Grog/Grog demo
1940	Grog Open, Dinner Served
2015	Grog Closed, Dinner Recess
2045	Chimes
2100	Keynote Speaker Senator Scott Brown
2150	Closing Remarks Benediction Departure of Official Party*
2200	Lounge is Open

*\* Please Stand During This Event*

- Thou shalt fall into disrepute with thy peers if the pleats of thy cummerbund are not properly faced.
- Thou shalt also be painfully regarded if the clip-on bow tie rides at an obvious list. Thou shalt be forgiven, however, if thee also ride at a comparable list.
- Thou shalt consume thy meal in a manner becoming gentlepersons.
- Thou shalt not laugh at ridiculously funny comments unless the President first shows approval by laughing.
- Thou shalt express thy approval by tapping thy spoon on the table. Clapping of thy hands will not be tolerated.
- Thou shalt not question the decisions of the President or otherwise quibble.
- When the mess adjourns, thou shalt rise and wait for the President and head table guests to leave.
- Thou shalt enjoy thyself to thy fullest.
- Thou shalt not read the Rules of the Mess whilst the Mess is convened.
- Thou shalt not criticize the planning for or conduct of the Dining In.
- Thou shalt turn off cell phone or otherwise silence all electronic devices.
- Thou shalt not engage in conversation while another member has the floor.
- Thou shalt not begin eating a course of meal before members of the head table.
- Thou shalt not wear ill-fitted or discolored mess jacket.

# RULES OF THE MESS

- Thou shalt arrive within 10 minutes of the appointed hour.
- Thou shalt make every effort to meet all guests.
- Thou shalt move to the mess when thee hears the chimes and remain standing until seated by the President.
- Thou shalt not leave the mess whilst convened without approval of the President. Military protocol overrides all calls of nature.
- Thou shalt participate in all toasts unless thyself or thy group is honored with a toast.
- Thou shalt ensure that thy glass is always charged when toasting.
- Thou shalt keep toasts and comments within the limits of good taste and mutual respect. Degrading or insulting remarks will be frowned upon by the membership. However, good natured needling is encouraged.
- Thou shalt not murder the Queen's English.
- Thou shalt not open the hangar doors. (talk about work)
- Thou shalt always use the proper toasting procedures.

## *History of the Dining-In*

The Dining-In represents the most formal aspects of Air Force social life. The custom is a very old tradition, although its origin is not clear. Formal feasts to honor military victories and individual achievements have been customary from pre-Christian Roman legions to King Arthur's knights in the sixth century.

The custom of the Dining-In is not exclusively military. The tradition as we know it today is rooted in England where it was a custom in monasteries. It was later adopted by the early universities and spread to the military when the officer's mess was established. With the adoption of the dining-in by the military, these feasts became more formalized. British soldiers introduced the custom to colonial America, where it was borrowed by George Washington's Continental Army.

These dinners have become traditional in all the branches of the armed forces. In the Air Force and Navy, it is the Dining-In; in the Army, the regimental dinner; in the Marine Corps and Coast Guard, mess night.

The Air Force Dining-In format began in the United States Army Air Corps with General "Hap" Arnold's "Wing-dings." The Air Corps' association with the British in World War II increased its popularity, and since that time it has been modified into its present form. Faculty members of the Squadron Officer School of the Air University began having faculty Dining-Ins. They were later included in the curriculum for the students, and because of their success, Dining-Ins spread rapidly to other Air Force units. Many of the original traditions are still very much alive.



## Toasts

Toasts should be made as followed:

1. Stand and identify yourself
2. Address the Vice by saying, "Mr. Vice, I would like to propose a toast". The Vice informs the President of the mess and receives approval.
3. Everyone stands, and the toast is given.
4. Remember, good taste is always the order of the day.

Toast: I propose a toast to the Colors

Response: *To the Colors*

Toast: I propose a toast to the Commander-in-Chief, the President of the United States, Barrack Obama

Response: *To the President*

Toast: I propose a toast to the Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Chuck Hagel

Response: *To the Secretary*

Toast: I propose a toast to the Secretary of the Air Force, the Honorable Eric Fanning

Response: *To the Secretary*

Toast: I propose a toast to the Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, General Mark Welsh

Response: *To the Chief*

Toast: I propose a toast to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, General Frank Grass.

Response: *To the Chief*

Toast: I propose a toast to the Director of the Air National Guard, Lt General Stanley Clarke.

Response: *To the Director*

Toast: I propose a toast. To our fellow Massachusetts Guardsmen and woman who are deployed around the world, may they return to us and their families swiftly.

Response: *To the Deployed*

Toast: I propose a toast. To our fallen comrades and departed friends, may we find inspiration in their legacy and honor their memories with our actions.

Response: *To the Fallen*



## Protocol of the Mess

**Infractions** warranting a trip to the grog bowl may be noted at any time by the President, Vice President, or any member of the mess. Members bring infractions to the attention of the President by raising a point of order. If the validity of the charge is questioned, members vote by tapping their spoons on the table. When the President directs a violator to the grog bowl, the individual proceeds to the bowl promptly. The bowl is located on a table on the wooden dance floor between the President's and Vice President's table. Upon being sent to the "grog bowl," the violator does the following:

- Proceed in a most expeditious fashion with your shot glass, squaring all corners.
- Stop at the grog table so that you are facing the President and the grog bowl is to your rear.
- Salute the President and announce, "Sir, *Rank, Name* reports as ordered"
- Wait for the President to return your salute
- Do an about face
- Fill your shot glass with either the "leaded" or "unleaded" version
- Raise your filled glass and toast, "To the Mess"
- Drink the content of your cup without removing it from your lips until all is emptied
- Place the inverted cup above your head to signify it is empty and then return it to your side
- Do an about face, salute the President and return to your seat

\*With the exception of the toast, "To the Mess," the violator is not permitted to speak during this process.

**The gavel**, in possession of the President of the Mess, is used to signal members of the mess.

- One rap of the gavel signals to be seated
- Two raps of the gavel signals to rise and stand in place
- Three raps of the gavel signals the attention of all members whether standing or seated